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Read the text and answer the following questions

My Aunt Emily

Of all my relatives, I like my Aunt Emily the best. She's my mother's youngest sister. She has never married, and she lives alone in a small village near Bath. She's in her late fifties, but she's still quite young in spirit. She has a fair complexion, thick brown hair which she wears in a bun, and dark brown eyes. She has a kind face, and when you meet her, the first thing you notice is her lovely, warm smile. Her face is a little wrinkled now, but I think she's still rather attractive. She is the sort of person you can always go to if you have a problem. She likes reading and gardening, and she goes for long walks over the hills with her dog, Buster. She's a very active person. Either she's making something, or mending something, or doing something to help others. She does the shopping for some of the old people in the village. She's extremely generous, but not very tolerant with people who don't agree with her. I hope that I am as happy and contented as she is when I'm her age.

Reading comprehension:

1. Suggest a title for the text

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2. Say whether the following statements are true or false. Justify your answer from the text

- Aunt Emily is divorced (.....)

.....

- Aunt Emily is a lazy person (.....)

.....

- Aunt Emily is in her early fifties (.....)

.....

3. Go through the text again and underline like this

----- the parts which describe her physical appearance

***** the parts which describe her character

..... the parts which describe her character

4. Fill in the blanks with words from the list

Love- let- family- of

- "Think your family today and every day thereafter, don't the busy world of today keep you from showing how much you and appreciate your " Josiah

5. Read the text again and choose the best definition for each of these words

Wrinkled- attractive- extremely

..... = exceedingly

..... = gorgeous

..... = furrowed

6. Write the antonyms of the following expressions

Active →

Agree →

Contented →

Grammar focus

Tag questions

- Tag questions (or question tags) turn a statement into a question. They are often used for checking information that we think we know is true.
- Tag questions are made using an auxiliary verb (for example: be or have) and a subject pronoun (for example: I, you, she). Negative question tags are usually contracted: It's warm today, isn't it?
- Usually if the main clause is positive, the question tag is negative and if the main clause is negative, it's positive. For example: It's cold (positive), isn't it (negative)? And: It isn't cold (negative), is it (positive)?
- If the main clause has an auxiliary verb in it, you use the same verb in the tag question. If there is no auxiliary verb (in the present simple and past simple) use do/ does/ did (just like when you make a normal question).
- There is one weird exception: the question tag after I am is aren't? For example: I am in charge of the food, aren't I? (be careful: 'I am' → 'aren't I' but 'I'm not' → 'am I')

Exercises

1. Add the tag question:

- She's from a small town in China, _____?
- They aren't on their way already, _____?
- We're late again, _____?
- I'm not the person with the tickets, _____?
- Julie isn't an accountant, _____?
- The weather is really bad today, _____?
- He's very handsome, _____?
- They aren't in Mumbai at the moment, _____?
- You aren't from Brazil, _____?
- John's a very good student, _____?
- I like chocolate very much, _____?
- She doesn't work in a hotel, _____?
- They need some new clothes, _____?
- We live in a tiny flat, _____?
- She studies very hard every night, _____?

2. Add a suitable question tag to each sentence

- You can't hear me, -----?
- She already knew him, -----?
- They haven't met, -----?
- They don't like me, -----?

- It's a lovely day, -----?
- We didn't play very well today, -----?
- Our train leaves at 7:00, -----?
- You haven't lost the keys, -----?
- You can speak French, -----?
- You haven't been here before, -----?
- She eats meat? -----?
- Banks close at four, -----?